

BUT TWO VACANCIES ON TROOP'S ROSTER

Takoma Park Scouts Will Close Roll When Remaining Places Are Filled.

Boy Scout Troop No. 21, of Takoma Park, Md., now has but two vacancies and as soon as they are filled the registration will be closed.

The troop conducted its regular meeting on November 21. Following a business session, James W. Dyre, chairman of the troop's committee, gave the boys a short talk on scout subjects. A drill and bandaging practice concluded the meeting. A special meeting of the patrol leaders and assistants was held, and arrangements were made for contests to be conducted every three months. At these meetings the boys showing the greatest proficiency in scout work will be awarded insignia of distinction.

A football game with Troop No. 2 was played last Friday, resulting in that troop's defeat with a final score of 15 to 0.

I. R. Hitt Host to Party Upon Overnight Outing

In search of nuts and fun, twelve Boy Scouts of Troop No. 25, went on an overnight outing to the residence of I. R. Hitt, at El Nido. The boys, all of whom were equipped with blankets and food for two weeks, were in charge of scoutmaster Karl W. Woodward, Forest Examiner William Barrows, and Field Executive S. S. Apkin.

Games indoors and out, and a campfire were held until late in the evening. A fire was kindled at 7 a. m. After breakfast the scouts were conducted on a trip by Mr. Hitt over his property, where he pointed out to the boys some rare pine and roads used during the civil war.

The party returned at noon on Thanksgiving Day. Shortly before departing a note of thanks and scout yell were given in honor of Mr. Hitt.

Eighteen Scouts Given Merit Badge Awards

Merit badges have been awarded the following Boy Scouts: Francis W. Watson, civic; Lawrence Prentice, civic; Philip T. Williams, civic, personal and public health; Graeme T. Smallwood, civic; Hugh Turner, civic, personal and public health; Hummel Fishburn, swimming; Alfonso Sanders, swimming; Gordon Paulding, swimming; Hugh Johnston, firemanship; Orville Walsh, marksmanship; Donald H. Stuart, marksmanship; Devere Weeden, marksmanship; Marshall Marshall, marksmanship and public health; Knut Nilsson, personal and public health; Roger Lichtenberg, personal and public health; Fred Lavender, public health; Philip McGinnis, marksmanship; and Samuel W. Hardy, marksmanship, marksmanship, personal and public health.

Troop 47 Enjoys Hike To Langley and Back

An all-day hike and outing from Chain Bridge to Langley, Va., was taken by all members of Boy Scout Troop 47 on Friday of last week.

The hike was commenced in the morning at 9:30 o'clock, and the boys continued walking until 1 o'clock, when a halt was called for a picnic. After the meal an impromptu football game was played, and the homeward march began. The troop arrived in Washington in the evening at 6 o'clock.

Mt. Rainier Girl Scouts Will Elect Officers

The Mt. Rainier troop of Girl Scouts will hold its second meeting at the home of Christine Gladding Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock. There will be a general business meeting and election of officers. The members now registered are Christine Gladding, Elva Gladding, Geneva Loun, Grace Marchbanks, Ida Brainer, May Conover, Leatrice Conover, and Arthur Morton.

Canada Puts Patrol Along Niagara River

BUFFALO, Nov. 29.—Extraordinary precautions have been taken to guard against a possible raid of Germans or German sympathizers across the Niagara river. A permanent guard of thirty militiamen has been stationed at Fort Erie, directly opposite Buffalo, and the whole river front from there to Niagara falls and Queenston is patrolled day and night by between 50 and 600 men.

These measures, it is said, were taken in response to demands from civic organizations along the Canadian side of the Niagara, who insisted that a raid similar to the Berlin raid was not a remote possibility.

War Declared on Bugs In the Patent Office

A war on bugs, which have invaded the office of valuable documents in the Patent Office, has been declared by Chief Clerk James J. Parker of the Interior Department.

As a first step in the war of extermination orders have been given that milk bottles shall be removed from the office, and that all bottles, left partly filled after lunch, are to be taken down from the shelves. Means of exterminating the bugs will be planned this week.

100 Children Enrolled As House of Play Opens

Under the direction of the Florence Fleming Noyes School of Rhythmic Education, the House of Play, 121 Vermont avenue northwest, has opened for the season. The children having been given their first lesson of the year this afternoon.

Mrs. Gertrude Smith Thonin, who has charge of the instruction, will be assisted by Miss Edith K. Baker, Miss Mildred Anderson, and Miss Helen Chancy. Many young women of the Capital are arranging to take a course in dramatic expression and on Saturday all children who come will be instructed without charge.

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Reunion of Boy Scouts At Mrs. Robert Young's

A reunion gathering of the Boy Scouts who went on the White Mountain Trail Building expedition this past summer, was given under the auspices of Mrs. Robert H. Young, at the headquarters of Troop No. 61, Mt. Pleasant Congregational Church, on Friday evening of last week.

Following a general reception of White Mountain participants, the assembly gathered around a campfire where stories of personal experiences during the trip were told, and a "feast" served. Besides the Washington boys the scouts from Baltimore who went on the trip were also guests at the reunion. Five trees about the walls, together with real shelter tents, an upright fireplace, and an artificial campfire, depicted a scene similar to the scouts' camping ground in the White Mountains.

Scouts of Mt. Rainier Hear Talk on 5 Senses

Members of Troop 2, at Mt. Rainier, were given a talk last night by Prof. Norton, of Mt. Rainier, on "Five Senses." They came in the following order: Seeing, feeling, hearing, smelling, tasting, said he. Mr. Norton gave a lengthy talk on each one, and also drew a picture with each. The meeting was in charge of Assistant Scoutmaster Gordon, Scoutmaster Prior having gone to Baltimore earlier in the week to spend Thanksgiving with relatives.

Cured His RUPTURE

I was badly ruptured while lifting a trunk several years ago. Doctors said my only hope of cure was an operation. Trusses did me no good. Finally I got hold of something that quickly and completely cured me. Years have passed and the rupture has never returned, although I am doing hard work as a carpenter. There was no operation, no lost time, no trouble. I have nothing to sell, but will give full information about how you may find a complete cure without operation. If you write to me, Eugene M. Pullen, Carpenter, 464 Marcellus Avenue, Manhattan, N. Y., I will send you this notice and also let you know who are ruptured—and may save a life or at least stop the misery of rupture and the worry and danger of an operation.—Advt.

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TROOP 5 HOPES FOR OVER SCORE ON ROLL

Hugh Turner Chosen President at Recent Semi-Annual Election of Officers.

Before Boy Scout Troop No. 5 has celebrated its first anniversary, which will be in the near future, the general opinion in the troop is that it will have twenty-three members, with a classification as follows: Six first-class, five second-class, and twelve tenderfoot scouts. The troop has progressed rapidly in comparison with others in the district, and has a rating far ahead of several troops which were organized two and three years ago.

A semi-annual election of officers was held at a troop meeting on November 21. The following members were elected: Hugh Turner, president; Philip Williams, treasurer; Henry Scott, vice president; Kenneth Miller and Cyril Sandilfer, secretaries; Hugh Johnston, scout representative; and Milton Tiller, librarian.

Hugh Turner and Philip Williams have issued their merit badges in personal and public health.

Examinations Called Off.

Secretary of War Garrison has announced that there are no vacancies in the grade of second lieutenant to which enlisted men may be appointed, and that there will be no vacancies until after the appointment of the next Point graduates in 1915. As a consequence no preliminary examinations of enlisted men will be held in January, 1915.

FIELD STAFF WILL AWARD COMMISSIONS

Troops Organized Without Leaders to Be Officered After Tomorrow.

The regular monthly meeting of the field staff of the District Boy Scouts will be conducted at headquarters in the District building tomorrow. A large number of applications for scoutmaster commissions are to be considered and some of the troops already organized without leaders will be officered. Several newly formed troops will be authorized to enroll scouts.

Scout Commissioner Edgar S. Martin, and Field Executive S. S. Apkin plan to visit Camp Archibald Butt, Chesapeake Beach, Va., this week to lay out the improvements, and get the 1915 camp started.

According to good authority members of Troop 24 are making steady progress in starting fire without matches or other conventional fire lighters. Mr. Apkin has given the troop's officials some instruction in this line.

Scout Lawrence Prentice, of Troop 40, has volunteered to instruct Scouts Bright, Megill, Adams, and McKenzie, of Capitol Heights troop, in some special first aid work in preparation for the scout rally for the Third division to be conducted in Anacostia on December 18.

A meeting of the officers of Division 2 will be called shortly by Deputy Field Executive H. H. Grosan to discuss important matters pertaining to the District, and to plan for a rally of the troops in that division. The meeting

Production of Foodstuff In England and Belgium

England and Belgium produce a smaller percentage of their own foodstuffs than any other of the nations now involved in the European war. This is shown in a table just made public by the Bureau of Statistics of the Department of Agriculture, which states that England produces 52 per cent of its own food; Belgium, 57 per cent; Germany, 84 per cent; France, 52 per cent; Austria-Hungary, 38 per cent; Russia produces 16 per cent more than it needs for home consumption.

Canada has a surplus of 22 per cent and left after feeding everybody in the Dominion and Argentina has a surplus of 48 per cent.

The food exports and imports of the United States nearly balance, indicating that there is enough for everybody, but nothing left over.

United Service Club to Teach Youth Patriotism

Patriotism in the hearts of the young men of a country is its best defense against a foreign foe, said speakers at the regular meeting of the United Service Club last night, and officers and members of the club pledged themselves to work for cultivation of a more patriotic spirit.

Capt. J. Walter Mitchell presided at the meeting and the speakers included: Brig. Gen. E. W. Whitaker, Col. John L. Clem, U. S. A.; Major F. S. Hodgson, past commander of the United States War Veterans; Col. John McElroy, department commander of the Army and Navy Union; and Dr. D. K. Gleason, department commander of the Grand Army of the Republic.

HEALTH OFFICIALS GOING TO FLORIDA

Will Attend Meeting of American Public Health Association at Jacksonville.

Washington will be well represented at the annual convention of the American Public Health Association, which opens in Jacksonville, Fla., tomorrow, a number of leading physicians and chemists of the Capital having arranged to take the special train for Jacksonville which leaves here at 3:35 p. m. today.

Dr. W. C. Woodward, Health Officer of the District of Columbia, left Boston last night for the Florida metropolis, and will join his home city contingent there. Among those who will go from here are Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, former chief of the Bureau of Chemistry; Dr. John H. Anderson, of the Hygienic Laboratory; Dr. John J. Kinne, of the District Department of Health; Dr. George N. Kober, dean of the Georgetown Medical School; Dr. W. F. Bigelow, Dr. J. W. Trank, of the public health service; Dr. J. A. Ferrell, Dr. Frost, Dr. George H. Shaw, Dr. W. M. Hays, of the bureau of animal industry; Dr. J. C. Weld, Dr. Newlands, Dr. B. S. Warren, Dr. J. D. Rogers, Dr. Bates, Dr. W. Wilbur, and Dr. R. C. Lattin.

BURTON WILL SPEAK AT MASONIC DINNER

Royal Arch Members to Be Addressed by United States Senator From Ohio.

The annual Royal Arch dinner, one of Washington's most notable events in Capital Masonry, is to be held in the New Masonic Temple, and acceptance already received indicate that each of the thirteen chapters in the District will be well represented. Senator Theodore Burton, will be the principal speaker, and all Royal Arch Masons, whether affiliated in this jurisdiction or not will be made welcome.

E. St. Clair Thompson is chairman of the executive committee, the other members being Dr. William A. Harries, Jr., Montgomery Hunter, Dr. C. C. Galloway, W. B. Pettus, Cyrus C. Coombs, Louis H. Meyers, James A. West, and Eugene E. Thompson. Other committees are: Decorations, speakers, and menu—Eugene E. Thompson, chairman, Joseph Gude, James A. West, W. M. Wallis, E. St. Clair Thompson, W. B. Pettus, and Cyrus C. Coombs. Tickets—Dr. Harries, chairman, Henry R. Rieseberg, J. Frank Campbell, Dr. Hunter, Dr. Galloway, and Jacob W. M. Hays. Printing and mailing—Jacob Pyrah, chairman, James A. West, and William L. White. "Boosting" committee—Cyrus C. Coombs, chairman, Jacob Pyrah, Thomas W. Bramhall, Fred M. Bock, W. B. Pettus, William

Riding and Hunt Club Holds Second Drag Hunt

A twelve-mile run was enjoyed by members of the Riding and Hunt Club yesterday afternoon on the occasion of their second drag hunt of the season, which, on account of the foot and mouth disease quarantine, was held entirely within the confines of the District of Columbia. The start was made from Brightwood at 2 o'clock, and the finish was in Chevy Chase, near the home of Andrew J. Cummins, at 4:30. The field included John O. Evans, master of the hounds; James Murphy, huntman; Mr. Sinclair Bowen, Walter Tuckerman, George Oakley Toties, Jr., R. Golden Donaldson, and Morris Evans.

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